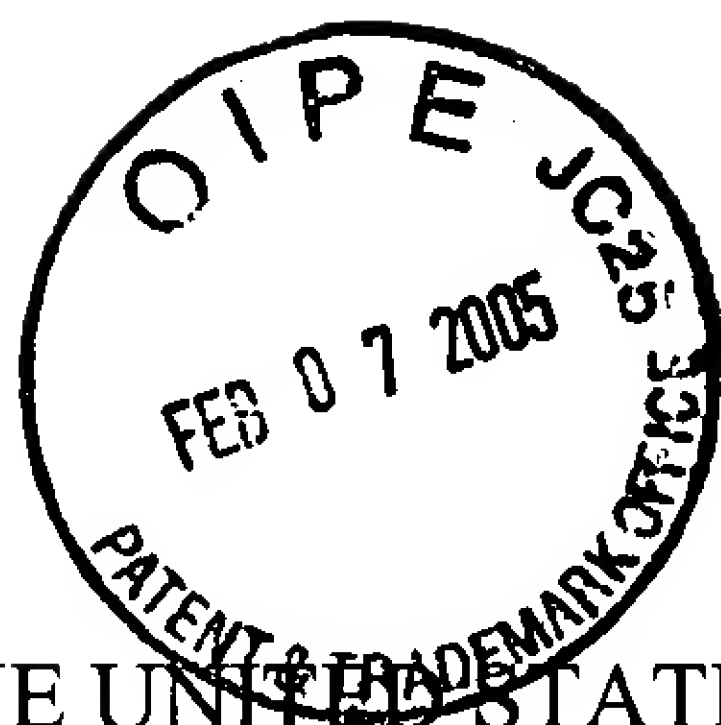


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APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

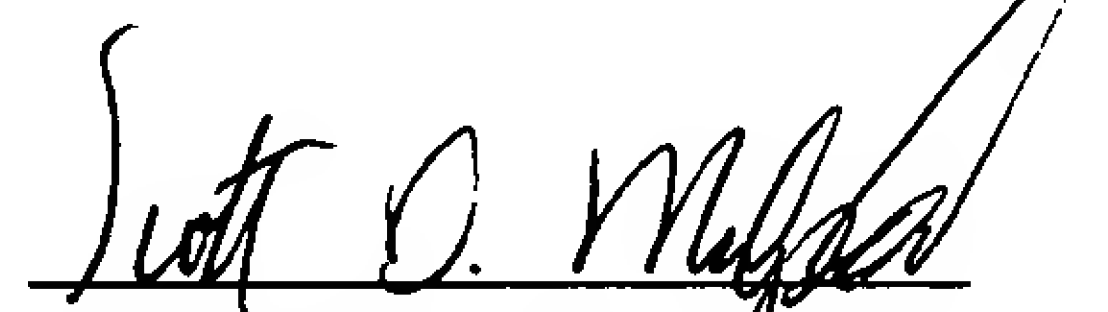
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	56	MINUS	72	0	x \$25 \$50	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	10	MINUS	15	0	x \$100 \$200	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180/\$360						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$0.00

☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE).
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Extension fee for response within \_\_\_\_\_ additional months is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: